Import and export of gold

1869. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Import of Gold, including those through personal baggage, during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) the export of Gold Jewellery during these years; and

(c) the estimated amount of gold consumed within the country during each year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The details of Import of Gold including those through personal baggage during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 were:—

Year	Qty. (in tonnes)
1996-97	338.19
1997-98	643.268
1998-99	521.731

(b) The exports of gold jewellery for the period mentioned at (a) above, were:

Year	Value in US $ (In Million)
1996-97	511.80
1997-98	572.30
1998-99	863.75

(c) As per information available, the estimated demand of gold in India during the above three financial years were 554 tonnes, 825 tonnes & 758 tonnes respectively, the bulk of which were met by imports and the rest by recycling, etc.

Export of soyameal

1870. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: